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## PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

### Improvements relating to Ear-rings

I, FLORENCE ALICE MANSELL, 11, Sladburys Lane, Holland Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, British, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

The invention relates to ear-rings and has among its objects to provide an ear-ring of light weight which has no metal parts in contact with the ear, and which may be quickly and easily attached to the ear of the wearer.

According to the invention the ornament of the ear-ring is applied on or suspended from a supporting or gripping member made wholly of a resilient sub-

stance and formed to a substantially U or V-shape, the arms of which are adapted to engage on either side of the lobe of the ear and which are formed on the inner surfaces with recesses or cavities so that in the application of the ear-ring to the ear, the members may by gentle pressure be compressed to expel the air from the cavities so that the support or gripping member is held by suction to the lobe of the ear.

Dated the 18th day of March, 1946.

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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

### Improvements relating to Ear-rings

I, FLORENCE ALICE MANSELL, 11, Sladburys Lane, Holland Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, British, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

The invention relates to ear-rings and has among its objects to provide an ear-ring which is of light weight, which has no metal parts in contact with the ear, and which may be quickly and easily attached to the ear of the wearer.

According to the invention the ornament of the ear-ring is applied on or suspended from a supporting or gripping member made wholly of a resilient non-metallic substance and formed to a substantially U or V-shape, the arms of which are adapted to engage on either side of the lobe of the ear and which are formed on the inner surfaces with recesses or cavities so that in the application of the ear-ring to the ear the members may by gentle pressure be compressed to expel the air from the cavities so that the support or gripping member is held by suction to

the lobe of the ear.

One embodiment of the invention is described by way of example, in the accompanying drawings in which

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the supporting or gripping part of the ear-ring,

Figure 2 is a plan view from above corresponding to Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a sectional elevation on the line A—A of Figure 1,

Figure 4 is a sectional elevation on the line B—B of Figure 2,

Figure 5 shows the clamping or gripping member with the ear-ring ornament attached in position on the ear of the wearer,

Figure 6 is a perspective view of an ear-ring according to the invention supporting a heavy ornament.

In carrying the invention into effect as illustrated in the drawings, the supporting or gripping member *a* is made of a resilient substance such as rubber and is formed to a substantially U-shape in cross section with the ends of the arms slightly converging. The inner faces of the arms are formed with cavities *b* which may, for

example, be of elliptical form. The supporting or gripping member may be of a skin colour so as to be substantially invisible or, alternatively, it may be of an ornamental design.

To apply the ear-ring on the ear-lobe, the lobe is tensioned by a downward pull and the two arms of the gripping or supporting member are passed on either side of the lobe and slightly compressed to expel the air from the cavities. The lobe of the ear is thus held securely partly by suction and partly by the resilience of the substance of which the gripping or supporting member is made.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to

be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A supporting or gripping member for ear-rings made entirely of a non-metallic resilient substance and formed to a substantially U-shape with cavities on the inner faces, to engage on either side of the lobe of the ear and to grip the lobe by suction and pressure.

2. A supporting or gripping member for ear-rings substantially as hereinbefore described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 1946.

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[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]

